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TO

Enable Persons of Irish Birth or Extraction to adopt and
use the Prefix O, or Mac, before their Surnames. A.D. 1898.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. When any person of Irish birth or extraction desires to use the prefix O, or Mac, before his surname, it shall be lawful for him to do so, on making known in writing such intention,— Notice of intention.

(a) in Great Britain, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department; and

(b) in Ireland, to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant; and in either case an acknowledgment shall be given that the document has been received.

2. Proof that such intention was duly communicated to the said Secretary of State, or to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, shall be held to satisfy revising barristers, registrars, and all others whomsoever that O, or Mac, is a legal portion of the surname of the person desiring its use. Proof of intention.

3. All ancient statutes prohibiting the use of O, or Mac, before Irish surnames are hereby repealed. Repeal.

4. This Act may be cited as the Irish Surnames Act, 1898. Short title.

5. This Act shall come into operation on the *first day of January* next after the passing thereof. Commencement of Act.

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